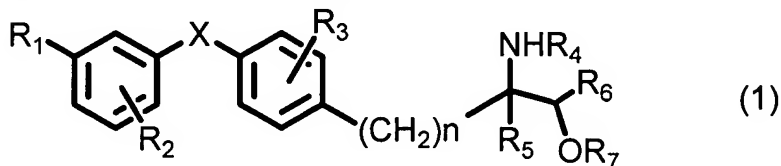


Amendments to the Claims

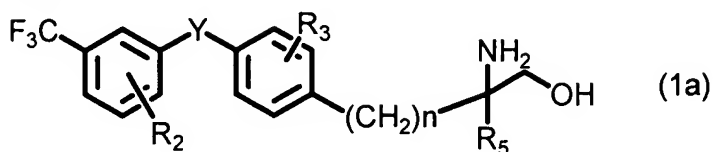
1. (Original) An amino alcohol derivative, and an optical isomer, pharmaceutically acceptable salt and hydrate thereof, the amino alcohol derivative represented by the following general formula (1):



[wherein R_1 is a halogen atom, a trihalomethyl group, a lower alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, an aralkyl group, a lower alkoxy group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted phenoxy group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyloxy group, a lower alkylthio group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, a lower alkylsulfinyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or a lower alkylsulfonyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms; R_2 is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a trihalomethyl group, a lower alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, an aralkyl group, a lower alkoxy group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or a aralkyloxy group; R_3 is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a trifluoromethyl group, a lower alkoxy group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, a benzyloxy group, a lower alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or a lower alkoxythio group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms; R_4 is a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, a phenyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted benzyl group, a lower aliphatic acyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms, or a substituted or unsubstituted benzoyl group; R_5 is a hydrogen atom, a monohalogenated methyl group, a lower alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, a lower alkoxymethyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, a lower alkylthiomethyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, a hydroxyethyl group, a hydroxypropyl group, a phenyl group, an aralkyl group, a lower alkenyl group having 2 to 4 carbon atoms, or a lower alkynyl group having 2 to 4 carbon atoms; R_6 and R_7 are each independently a hydrogen atom, or a lower alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms; and X is O, S, SO, or SO₂; and n is an integer from 1 to 4].

2. (Original) The amino alcohol derivative according to claim 1, an optical isomer, pharmaceutically acceptable salt or hydrate thereof, wherein the compound

represented by the general formula (1) is represented by the following general formula (1a):

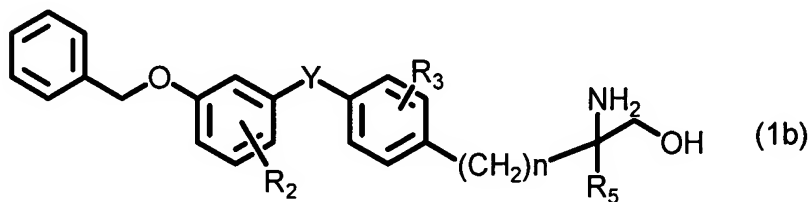


[wherein Y represents O or S, and R₂, R₃, R₅ and n are as described above].

3. (Original) The amino alcohol derivative according to claim 2, an optical isomer, pharmaceutically acceptable salt or hydrate thereof, wherein R₃ is a chlorine atom.

4. (Original) The amino alcohol derivative according to claim 2, an optical isomer, pharmaceutically acceptable salt or hydrate thereof, wherein R₃ is a trifluoromethyl group.

5. (Original) The amino alcohol derivative according to claim 1, an optical isomer, pharmaceutically acceptable salt or hydrate thereof, wherein the compound represented by the general formula (1) is represented by the following general formula (1b):



[wherein Y represents O or S, and R₂, R₃, R₅ and n are as described above].

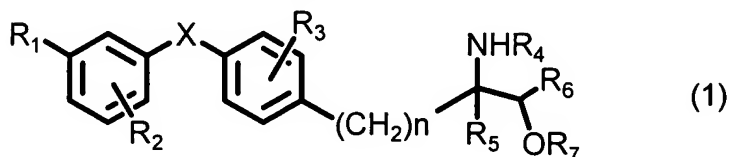
6. (Original) The amino alcohol derivative according to claim 5, an optical isomer, pharmaceutically acceptable salt or hydrate thereof, wherein R₃ is a chlorine atom.

7. (Original) The amino alcohol derivative according to claim 5, an optical isomer, pharmaceutically acceptable salt or hydrate thereof, wherein R₃ is a trifluoromethyl group.

8. (Original) The amino alcohol derivative according to claim 1, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or hydrate thereof, wherein the compound of the general formula (1) is

- 1) (±)-2-amino-5-[4-(3-benzyloxyphenylthio)-2-chlorophenyl]-2-methylpentane-1-ol;
- 2) (+)-2-amino-5-[4-(3-benzyloxyphenylthio)-2-chlorophenyl]-2-methylpentane-1-ol;
- 3) (±)-2-amino-5-[4-(3-benzyloxyphenylthio)-2-chlorophenyl]-2-ethylpentane-1-ol;
- 4) (+)-2-amino-5-[4-(3-benzyloxyphenylthio)-2-chlorophenyl]-2-ethylpentane-1-ol;
- 5) (±)-2-amino-4-[4-(3-benzyloxyphenylthio)-2-chlorophenyl]-2-methylbutane-1-ol;
- 6) (+)-2-amino-4-[4-(3-benzyloxyphenylthio)-2-chlorophenyl]-2-methylbutane-1-ol;
- 7) (±)-2-amino-4-[4-(3-benzyloxyphenylthio)-2-chlorophenyl]-2-ethylbutane-1-ol;
- 8) (-)-2-amino-4-[4-(3-benzyloxyphenylthio)-2-chlorophenyl]-2-ethylbutane-1-ol; or
- 9) 3-amino-6-[4-(3-benzyloxyphenylthio)-2-chlorophenyl]hexane-2-ol.

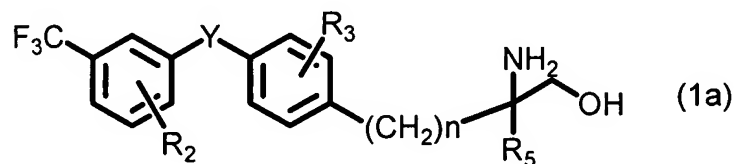
9. (Original) An immunosuppressive agent containing as an active ingredient at least one of an amino alcohol derivative, and an optical isomer, pharmaceutically acceptable salt and hydrate thereof, the amino alcohol derivative represented by the following general formula (1):



[wherein R₁ is a halogen atom, a trihalomethyl group, a lower alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, an aralkyl group, a lower alkoxy group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted phenoxy group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyloxy group, a lower alkylthio group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, a lower alkylsulfinyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or a lower alkylsulfonyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms; R₂ is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a trihalomethyl group, a lower alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, an aralkyl group, a lower alkoxy group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms,

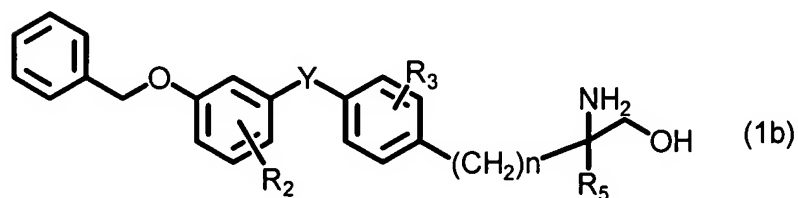
or an aralkyloxy group; R_3 is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a trifluoromethyl group, a lower alkoxy group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, a benzyloxy group, a lower alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or a lower alkoxythio group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms; R_4 is a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, a phenyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted benzyl group, a lower aliphatic acyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms, or a substituted or unsubstituted benzoyl group; R_5 is a hydrogen atom, a monohalogenated methyl group, a lower alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, a lower alkoxymethyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, a lower alkylthiomethyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, a hydroxyethyl group, a hydroxypropyl group, a phenyl group, an aralkyl group, a lower alkenyl group having 2 to 4 carbon atoms, or a lower alkynyl group having 2 to 4 carbon atoms; R_6 and R_7 are each independently a hydrogen atom, or a lower alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms; and X is O, S, SO, or SO₂; and n is an integer from 1 to 4].

10. (Original) The immunosuppressive agent according to claim 9, containing as an active ingredient at least one of the amino alcohol derivative, and the optical isomer, pharmaceutically acceptable salt and hydrate thereof wherein the compound represented by the general formula (1) is represented by the following general formula (1a):



[wherein Y represents O or S, and R_2 , R_3 , R_5 and n are as described above].

11. (Original) The immunosuppressive agent according to claim 9, containing as an active ingredient at least one of the amino alcohol derivative, and the optical isomer, pharmaceutically acceptable salt and hydrate thereof, wherein the compound represented by the general formula (1) is represented by the following general formula (1b):



[wherein Y represents O or S, and R₂, R₃, R₅ and n are as described above].

12. (Currently amended) The immunosuppressive agent according to ~~any one of claims 9 to 11~~ claim 9, intended for use as a prophylactic or therapeutic agent for autoimmune diseases.

13. (Currently amended) The immunosuppressive agent according to ~~any one of claims 9 to 11~~ claim 9, intended for use as a prophylactic or therapeutic agent for rheumatoid arthritis.

14. (Currently amended) The immunosuppressive agent according to ~~any one of claims 9 to 11~~ claim 9, intended for use as a prophylactic or therapeutic agent for psoriasis or atopic dermatitis.

15. (Currently amended) The immunosuppressive agent according to ~~any one of claims 9 to 11~~ claim 9, intended for use as a prophylactic or therapeutic agent for bronchial asthma or pollinosis.

16. (Currently amended) The immunosuppressive agent according to ~~any one of claims 9 to 11~~ claim 9, intended for use as a prophylactic or therapeutic agent for rejection in organ or bone marrow transplantation.

17. (New) A method of preventing or treating autoimmune diseases, rheumatoid arthritis, psoriasis, atopic dermatitis, bronchial asthma, pollinosis, or rejection of organ or bone marrow transplantation, which comprises administering an effective amount of the amino alcohol derivative, optical isomer or pharmaceutically acceptable salt or hydrate thereof as defined in claim 1 to a patient in need of said prevention or treatment.